

# OUR TOWN

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## PASTOR HONORED AT ANNIVERSARY

Rev. and Mrs. M. E. McLinn Feted by Members of Congregation.

### WILL RECEIVE DEGREE

Only those who have had the opportunity of attending a golden wedding anniversary know what a wonderful occasion it really is. On Monday evening, December 29, the friends of Rev. and Mrs. Milton E. McLinn experienced this unusual pleasure.

Preceding the reception given at the Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, a dinner was given at the Adelphia Hotel, Philadelphia. The special guests who attended the dinner were Mrs. R. D. Clare, of Baltimore, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. McLinn; Miss Ruth McLinn, of Princeton; George E. (Stoney) McLinn, sporting editor of the Evening Ledger; the Rev. Dr. Robert D. Clare, pastor of St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Baltimore; Eleanor, Katherine and Donald Clare, Mrs. George E. McLinn, Mr. and Mrs. J. Horace McFarland and their daughter, Miss Helen McFarland, of Harrisburg; Mrs. L. A. Humes, of Merion, and Mr. Clarence Wilson, Woodbine, Maryland.

When the many friends of Rev. and Mrs. McLinn had gathered at the church, Mrs. Harold M. Griest played Mendelssohn's Wedding March and the bride and groom of fifty years ago entered. Rev. Herman Metius presided. Rev. Henry C. Shindle, a retired Lutheran pastor and a member of the church, led in prayer, which was followed by a hymn, "Now Thank We All Our God." Addresses were given by Dr. Nathan R. Melhorn, editor of "The Lutheran," by Rev. McLinn's son-in-law, Rev. Robert Clare, of Baltimore, and by J. Horace McFarland, of Harrisburg. The visiting pastors who gave greetings and offered congratulations were the Rev. John Van Ness, the Rev. W. S. Dawson and the Rev. H. M. Chalfant.

An announcement made by Rev. Clare brought great joy to the couple and to their friends. He stated that the honorary degree of doctor of divinity would be conferred on Rev. McLinn by the Gettysburg Theological Seminary next June.

The musical numbers helped to make the evening most enjoyable. They were vocal solos by Mrs. John A. Bailey and Mr. Joseph McGlynn, sporting editor of the Ledger, and a piano solo by Miss Ruth McLinn.

At the conclusion of the program Mr. Metius presented the couple with a gift of money in gold from the congregation.

A reception was then held at the front of the church. After personally felicitating the couple the audience adjourned to the Sunday School room for refreshments. This room as well as the church auditorium had been attractively decorated with palms by Mr. John Albrecht and his son-in-law, Mr. Leins, who also furnished cut flowers for the "bridal" table.

A delightful feeling of good will prevailed during the evening and young and old alike agreed in voting this fiftieth wedding anniversary a happy success.

### ON LONG TOUR

Narberth Folks to Travel in Mediterranean.

On January 23 Mr. and Mrs. Robley A. Warner, of Narberth, and Mr. Warner's sister, Mrs. Emily Warner Guss, of Brookline, will sail from New York on the White Star liner "Homeric" as members of a personally conducted three month's tour by Thomas Cook and Son.

During the cruise visits will be made to Madeira, Spain, northern Africa, Italy, Greece, Turkey, The Holy Lands and other places of interest.

Arriving at Naples an overland tour will be made through Italy, Switzerland, France and England.

The return trip will be made on the White Star liner "Majestic," arriving in New York April 20.

### FIND LEPROSY CASE

One case of leprosy was discovered in the West Manayunk-Bala-Cynwyd district the past week by the Lower Merion Board of Health. It is the first of its kind listed on the records of the township health authorities.

One case of scarlet fever, Helen Coenings, age 6, of 339 Spring avenue, Ardmore, is also reported.

The other cases listed in the weekly health report are nine of Chickenpox, three of measles, three of pneumonia and two of whooping cough.

### NEW BOARD OF HEALTH

A new Board of Health for the Borough was appointed this week by retiring president of Council W. R. D. Hall. This has been made necessary due to the fact that the former board has been seriously depleted by resignations.

The new board was announced in a letter to the incoming Council from Mr. Hall, which follows:

December 29, 1925.

To the President and Members of Borough Council. Gentlemen:

I have this day and under this date reorganized the Board of Health of the Borough of Narberth. This I have done by virtue of authority conferred on me, as President of Council, by law.

For your information and for the guidance of my successor I am advising you of the personnel of the new board.

It is as follows:

Mr. W. D. R. Evans. Term expires July 1, 1926.

Mr. T. B. duMarais. Term expires July 1, 1927.

Dr. George A. Sloan. Term expires July 1, 1928.

Mr. Wharton B. Carroll. Term expires July 1, 1929.

Mrs. Romaine C. Hoffman. Term expires July 1, 1930.

After long and faithful service Dr. C. T. Faries has resigned as a member of the Board of Health. The Board membership includes at least one practicing physician.

I have, therefore, named Dr. George A. Sloan to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Dr. C. T. Faries.

Very truly yours,

W. R. D. HALL,  
President of Council.

### NEW MERION SCHOOL

The public school children of Merion will go into their new building, on Bowman avenue, on January 4, when school resumes after the Christmas holidays. This announcement will be of interest to many Narberth residents living in Anthwyn farms and other sections of the community lying in the Merion political district.

After months of delay the building was finally ready for occupancy two weeks ago. The school authorities then decided to dry it out before putting pupils in it. A janitor has now been on the premises since December 1, keeping the furnaces going and getting the building ready.

## Mill Creek Road May Rival City Line in Rush of Motor Traffic

Mill Creek road, which cuts off from Montgomery pike at Ardmore and winds its way toward the Schuylkill through some of the most picturesque country in Lower Merion, may soon have a volume of motor traffic which will rival that of City Line. Plans now being made for the new Main Line-Chestnut Hill bridge over the Schuylkill will probably make this highway the main thoroughfare between the proposed bridge and Montgomery pike.

The Philadelphia engineers have already approved the highway plans for approaches to the projected bridge on the city side of the river and an ordinance providing for these recently made its appearance in Council. Plans for the part in which Lower Merion will take in the enterprise are now being formulated by a special committee headed by Samuel R. Barker, president of the Pennsylvania Railroad. This committee was appointed some months ago by President Barker, of the township commission.

In preparation for the part in which Mill Creek road may have

## The FIRESIDE

State Senator Fletcher W. Stites was one of the speakers at the meeting of the Pennsylvania State Educational Association at Scranton.

Mrs. Frances Ottenger, of Ocean City, was the guest of her daughter, Mrs. William C. Claghorn, of Chestnut avenue, on Christmas day.

Mr. and Mrs. William G. Bartlett, of Elmwood avenue, entertained on Sunday evening in honor of Mr. and Mrs. L. Wayne Army, of Columbus, Ohio, formerly residents of Narberth.

Miss Betty Robb held a dance at her home Wednesday evening for members of the younger set.

Among those from Narberth at the father and son party of the Optimists Club Tuesday were Robert and Billy Harris and their cousin, Douglass MacDougall, and Jacques Newell.

David J. Speck, of the freshman class of Haverford College, is singing first tenor in the Glee Club. Mr. Speck is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Harry Speck, of Narberth, and graduated from Lower Merion High in June, 1925.

Mrs. William Livingston, of Chestnut avenue, spent the past week-end as the guest of her sister, Mrs. Warren K. Vanderveer, of Maplewood, N. J. Her son, Douglass, spent the holidays with relatives in Greenwich, Conn.

Ground has been broken on Shirley road for a new home to be occupied by Jacob M. Baer, head of a large Philadelphia pharmacy.

Rev. F. B. Gray, of Baltimore, was the guest this week of his brother, Rev. Francis A. Gray, of Dudley avenue.

Mr. C. J. Wendler, of St. Louis, spent the holidays as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Munro, of Forest and Windsor avenues.

Mrs. Jesse S. Harris and Mrs. L. E. Hatfield motored to Trenton, N. J., to call on friends last Saturday.

Miss Ann Speed, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh B. Speed, of Chestnut avenue, held a card party at her home Thursday for her classmates. There were three tables.

The Misses Emma and Alice Barr, of Woodbine avenue, spent the holidays with their brother, Mr. George B. Barr, of Bronxville, N. Y.

Miss Grace Elizabeth Houston, of New London, Conn., a former resident of Narberth, was the guest Wednesday of Miss Margaret Livingston, of Chestnut avenue. Miss Houston is a student at the Connecticut College for Women.

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## Nineteen Twenty-Five Marked Many Events in Narberth Borough

A glance back over the events of 1925 in the Borough of Narberth is not amiss at this season. To give our readers an opportunity to "check-up" on a few of the occurrences which have made up the panorama of our local doings for the past twelve months "Our Town" is presenting this week a boiled-down summary of the "high spots."

**JANUARY**—The schools opened on the 5th. The newly-organized Fathers' Association of the Scouts got in full swing. A heavy snow fell on the 2d, which started the well-remembered weeks of ice and ruts. The deaths of Mrs. Anna B. Pattison, Mrs. W. J. Peebles, Robert A. Bailey and Mrs. Henry T. Nash were recorded. The 70-30 agreement on the expense of the street-paving program was made by Council. Officer De Bona captured a thief in a thrilling chase through snow-filled woods at 3 A. M. The marriage of Miss Augusta Witherow to Mr. Harold B. Starkey took place. On the 28th the temperature in Narberth hit four degrees below zero.

**FEBRUARY**—Lieut. G. R. Van Zandt, Arthur E. Cruman and Eva C. Crookes died during the month. The fire department held a successful banquet in Elm Hall with over two hundred present. Council continued to be occupied with street paving.

**MARCH**—Excavations were started for the enlarged Presbyterian Church. Vincent Mariani sold the Narberth bus line to the Philadelphia Suburban Transit Co. The log cabin at Narberth and Haverford avenues was razed to make way for the new building of the Merion Title and Trust Company. Still street paving is uppermost in Council activities. Bandits stole a car belonging to S. K. White. Baseball was started in Narberth by the election of

Fred Walzer; he resigned and was replaced by Bill Crowell. W. D. R. Evans was re-elected president of the Narberth Tennis Club.

**APRIL**—Deaths of the month included those of Mrs. D. C. McGuigan, Samuel Carter and Mary J. Markham. Concerts in which Narberth played a prominent part were held by the Main Line Orchestra and Main Line Choral. The marriages were solemnized of Miss Alma Housekeeper to George Lamon; of Miss Katharine Kesmodel to Laurence Houston, and of Miss Lillian Redifer to Francis McAdams. Ralph S. Dunne was re-elected president of the Narberth Civic Association. The per capita school tax was raised from \$1 to \$5.

**MAY**—The Community Club held a successful carnival. The Narberth National Bank was opened on the 17th. The State Convention of the King's Daughters was held in Narberth. The new Lutheran church building was dedicated. Council awarded the contract for the new streets to the Good Roads Company.

**JUNE**—The local Junior High School graduated 36 pupils. Dr. Harry Y. Messec and Walter Peverly were lost to Narberth by death. St. Margaret's Church held its annual lawn fete. Marriages during the month included those of Mrs. Ethel Killion to Winfield Cook; Miss Martha Martin to Jack Jefferies; Miss Edna Smith to Julian Gordon; Miss Eleanor Brown to W. M. Hall, Jr.; Miss Mabel Tennis to John Godown; Woodside avenue residents complained of a lack of speed in finishing the new street in front of their homes. Most of Narberth went, or wanted to go, away for the summer.

**JULY**—The Legion staged a successful Fourth of July celebration. CONTINUED ON THE FOURTH PAGE

### CARS CRASH

Driver of One Seriously Injured in Accident Tuesday.

A serious accident occurred Tuesday afternoon at the intersection of Dudley and Sabine avenues, resulting in injury to the driver of one of the cars.

The Ford car, owned by Postmaster Fred C. Patton and driven by Thomas W. Merkle, 19, of 517 Wynnewood avenue, running east on Sabine avenue, collided with another Ford driven by Joseph G. Herrshaft, of 318 Dudley avenue.

Both cars were overturned and badly damaged. Herrshaft was taken to the Bryn Mawr Hospital suffering from a fractured skull, broken collarbone and other injuries. He is in a serious condition.

James Maxwell, of 107 Price avenue, who was riding with Merkle, was treated for a badly cut head. George R. Markle, of 415 Dudley avenue, carried Herrshaft to the hospital.

Merkle was held in \$500 bail by Magistrate Fred. Walzer to await the outcome of Herrshaft's injuries.

Both cars were overturned, and a fire sprang up in the wreckage. As the Narberth Fire Company was at that time in action at the residence of C. L. Jenkins, the Ardmore company was called to extinguish the blaze.

### COL. D'OLIER RESIGNS

Col. Franklin D'Olier has resigned as one of the trustees of the Lower Merion Police Pension Fund. The Colonel, on account of his new position in the Prudential Insurance Company, will be unable to devote the time to the position it requires.

### COUNTY HAS \$502,227.

County Controller Irvin's monthly report to the County Commissioners shows a balance in the county treasury December 1, of \$502,227.83.

The receipts for November were \$75,809.97 and the expenditures \$199,252.23.

### COMMISSIONS ARRIVE

Commissions for 51 new justices of the peace elected in the various districts of the county in November have been received at the office of Recorder of Deeds Miller in Norristown.

### PORCH BLAZES

Narberth Company Also First at Thouron Fire.

Tuesday afternoon the Narberth Fire Company was called to the residence of Charles L. Jenkins, Gulph Road, to extinguish a blaze on the porch which threatened the house.

A toy electric train short-circuited and set fire to the Christmas tree nearby. The flames spread rapidly, with dense smoke, damaging a part of the first floor.

The intense heat caused the glass with which the porch was enclosed to burst, adding to the difficulties of the firemen, who attacked the flames with water buckets.

The blaze was quickly gotten under control. Damage was estimated at \$1000.

A room full of antiques, valued at \$1000, was destroyed when a defective flue caused a fire on the third floor of the home of Nicholas Thouron, Merion road and Montgomery avenue, Merion, Sunday afternoon.

While members of the household were fighting the blaze with chemicals, alarms were sent in to every Lower Merion fire company.

The Narberth Company was the first on the scene, making the run in record time and were soon joined by companies from Cynwyd and Bryn Mawr. Prompt response on their part prevented a disastrous spreading of the fire. A slate roof also aided the volunteers in confining the blaze to the part of the house in which it originated.

An overheated flue in a fireplace chimney was responsible for the conflagration. The total damage is estimated at \$3500.

### AUTOCAR WINS

On Sunday, December 27th the Autocar Reserve Soccer team beat the Preston A. A. by a score of 3 to 0. The more experienced Autocar team showed brilliant team work.

It was the first game for the Preston team. Manager Emile Piquet has arranged a return game with the Autocar, which will be played on the Preston A. A. grounds Sunday, January 3d, at 2.30 P. M., Buck Road and Railroad avenue, Bryn Mawr.

## CHRISTMAS TREE SERVICE ENJOYED

Community Club Lays Plans for Permanent Affair in Narberth.

### OTHER NOTES OF CLUB

All the week the Community Christmas Tree has stood, sturdily green by day, brightly shining at night, as a symbol of the one time in the year when all thoughts turn the same way. For the third year the Civics Committee of the Women's Community Club has arranged the public tree.

This year plans for permanence have been begun and, as a first step, wiring for 125 25-watt lamps has been bought. The committee wishes to thank the various organizations, tradesmen and friends of the club whose support made the tree possible. The Christmas Eve celebration was short, but effective. Mr. Henry Frye presided and announced the following program:

Invocation, Rev. W. S. Dawson; Greetings, Mrs. H. A. Jacobs; Christmas Message, Hon. Fletcher Stites; Carols, led by Mr. James Tillbury; Benediction, Rev. John Van Ness.

The Community Club gave a Christmas party for its little friends on Tuesday afternoon, December 29. A goodly group of youngsters seemed to enjoy the clown with his jokes and tricks, and especially the fun of singing with them. Punch and his traditional, "That's the Way to Do It," was almost as popular. Ice cream, cakes and candy made a blissful finale to an exciting afternoon. The committee in charge was: Mrs. H. I. McConnell, chairman; Mrs. F. T. Van Auken, Mrs. Wallis Boileau, Jr., Mrs. George Gilpin, Jr., Mrs. C. F. Haist and Mrs. H. P. Stevens.

Christmas always upsets the club somewhat, so note carefully the date of the next regular meeting, January 5, 1926, at the usual time and place. The chairman of education, Mrs. Van Auken, has arranged with Dr. Lucy L. W. Wilson, principal of the South Philadelphia High School for Girls, to speak on "What's New in Education?" The Glee Club and dancing class of the Narberth Junior High School will demonstrate other aspects of modern education. "Start the New Year right" by filling the Y. M. C. A. next Tuesday afternoon.

Just 10 days later is January 15, the date of the dinner dance. The auditorium of the Central Y. M. C. A., Philadelphia, is convenient and the hour, 6.30 P. M., is early enough, so you won't have to furnish the husband a bowl of soup first! Call Mrs. A. Y. Reinke at Narberth 1265-W and make your reservations.

### METHODIST SUNDAY SCHOOL

Presents Christmas Pageant, "The Path of Promise."

On Wednesday, December 23, the Sunday school of the Methodist Episcopal Church presented an attractive Christmas pageant, entitled "The Path of Promise." The pageant was in charge of a committee, consisting of Mrs. F. T. Walker, Mrs. I. H. Patton, Lillian Compton, Eleanor Ward and Mary Chalfant. "The Path of Promise" showed how the promise of a Messiah was given to Abraham and his descendants and how the promise was finally fulfilled in the birth of the Christ Child at Bethlehem. The cast was as follows:

The Angel of Promise: Ruth Walker; Abraham: Ernest Purinton; David: George Purinton; Ruth: Fern Rogers; Bethlehem: Anna McCracken; Shepherds: Philip Rogers and Alexander Purinton; Wise Men: Charles Clegg and William Bailey; Mary: Lydia Purinton; Blossoms: Catherine Patton and Helen McCracken; Stars: Anna Chalfant, Ruth Smith, Aline Edwards, Mildred Sherr, Ruth Lentz and Dorothy Abbott.

### Evangeline Murchio

Evangeline Murchio, aged 6 years of 249 Woodbine, died on Christmas eve from lockjaw, the result of a rusty nail penetrating her foot.



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## THE FIRESIDE

Miss Virginia Burgstesser visited  
friends in Scranton, Pa., over the  
holidays.

Dr. Walter Steckbeck attended  
the meeting of the Pennsylvania  
State Educational Association at  
Scranton during the last week. He  
was one of the eight representa-  
tives from the University of Penn-  
sylvania.

Mr. C. P. Fowler, who is in busi-  
ness in Chicago, spent the holidays  
with his family on Elmwood ave-  
nue.

Mr. and Mrs. Francis F. Mc-  
Adams are being congratulated on  
the birth of a son, born December  
27. Mrs. McAdams will be remem-  
bered as Miss Lillian Redifer,  
daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. Perry  
Redifer, of Shirley road.

Mrs. William Pugh and her two  
sons, former residents of Narberth,  
visited friends here during the past  
week.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles F. Haist  
entertained a number of their  
friends at a New Year's eve party  
Thursday night.

Mrs. Donald P. Beardsley, of  
Narberth avenue, entertained at a  
luncheon and bridge at Green Hill  
Farms, Tuesday, in honor of her  
sister-in-law, Miss Margaret  
Beardsley, of Ithaca, N. Y.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond A. Cab-  
rey, of Narbrook Park, are receiv-  
ing congratulations on the birth of  
a son, Joseph.

Miss Louise Jones, of No. 103  
South Narberth avenue, entertain-  
ed a number of her friends at a  
dance given at her home on De-  
cember 28. Among those present  
were: Miss Laura Wilson, of  
Germantown; Miss Emilie Max-  
well and Marion Bottoms, of  
Merion; Miss Virginia Smith, Miss  
Betty Purse, Miss Grace Casey, of  
Narberth; Messrs. James and Wil-  
liam Faulk, of Villanova; Messrs.  
Joseph Skelton and Vernon Lip-  
kin, of Cynwyd; Messrs. Mathew,  
Jack and Marom Miller, of Ard-  
more, and Mr. Robert Walsh, of  
Narberth.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Lyndall  
Smith, of Merion avenue, have re-  
turned from spending the holidays  
with their daughters, Mrs. E. M.  
Griffith, of Beaver, Pa., and Mrs.  
Julian F. Gordon, of Massillon, O.

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Woehling  
are being congratulated on the birth  
of a son, Herbert.

Mrs. John B. Williams, Mrs. Ro-  
bert J. Dohard and Mrs. Harry  
Hartley attended a luncheon Tues-  
day, given by Miss Genevieve Har-  
grave, of Philadelphia.

Jacques Newell, of Paoli, form-  
erly of Chestnut avenue, was the  
guest over the week-end of Hugh  
Speed, Jr.

Ross Howenstein, of Chestnut  
and Essex avenues, is home from  
State College for the holidays.

Mrs. John Miller, of Pleasant-  
ville, N. Y., spent a few days this  
week as the guest of Mrs. C. P.  
Fowler.

The cold snap during the past  
week has sent scores of Narberth  
skaters forth onto Main Line pools  
for the popular winter pastime. At  
Haverford College Tuesday night  
were noted many including the  
Misses Edith and Elizabeth Ma-  
guire, Mrs. C. S. Munro and son  
David, Dorothy and David Speck,

Jack Gillis, William and Otto Duer,  
Bob Leitch and George Maguire.  
Alph S. Dunne and Dr. J. J.  
Schembs, Jr., were on the sidelines,  
having forgotten their skates.

Helen Burgess, of Sabine avenue,  
who has been in the Bryn Mawr  
hospital since August, will be able  
to return to her home within the  
next two weeks. She was seriously  
burned when a tar-laying machine  
used in the construction of Sabine  
avenue sent a spray of the hot  
liquid over the pavement.

The Women's Foreign Mission-  
ary Society of the Methodist Epis-  
copal Church will meet with Mrs.  
James Scott, No. 119 Woodside  
avenue, on Monday, January 4,  
1926, at 2.30 P. M.

## NEW EXPRESS WATER MAINS WILL COST OVER \$3,000,000

Philadelphia Suburban Water Com-  
pany Plans Extensions.

Water-main extensions, aggre-  
gating \$3,000,000, that will be the  
first step in a great improvement  
program to carry water into every  
section of the counties surrounding  
Philadelphia have been launched by  
the Philadelphia Suburban Water  
Company.

The plan and program, according  
to Clarence H. Geist, president of  
the company, will give metropolitan  
service to residents of the Main  
Line. Briefly it includes:

Express mains from Phoenixville  
to Bryn Mawr, a distance of about  
twelve miles.

Construction of a large reservoir  
and dam on Pickering Creek, with  
large mains extending to Valley  
Forge and the Main Line.

Extension of the present system  
into communities which now have  
no pressure water supply.

Increased filtration facilities near  
the site of the Pickering reservoir,  
with new pumping stations.

### Work Now Under Way.

According to Mr. Geist, work has  
already started on the major im-  
provements, while a corps of engi-  
neers has been engaged for many  
months in making surveys of the  
situation.

Application will be made at once  
to the State authorities for permis-  
sion to proceed with construction of  
the Pickering Creek dam.

"Work on a large scale has al-  
ready begun, and \$3,000,000 will be  
spent during the next year," said  
Mr. Geist.

"These initial steps will be fol-  
lowed rapidly by other work, in-  
volving still greater expenditures,  
all with a view to keeping the water  
supply for suburban Philadelphia  
not only up to but ahead of the rap-  
idly growing population.

"Contracts have been let, and con-  
struction is going forward on a  
large express main which will carry  
water from Pickering Creek at  
Phoenixville to Bryn Mawr.

### Additional Pumping Units.

"Land is being acquired for a  
large reservoir site on Pickering  
Creek; plans for a dam to create  
a reservoir on the site have been  
submitted to the State authorities,  
and approval is expected at an early  
date. Contracts have been let for  
additional pumping equipment at  
the Pickering Creek station and  
work will be started soon on en-  
larging the filters to handle the in-  
creased supply.

"The express main from Pick-  
ering Creek to Bryn Mawr follows a  
right-of-way to Valley Forge, thence  
traverses the Park to the Gulph  
road, follows that highway and the  
King of Prussia road through the  
Chester Valley and along the Upper  
Gulph road and County Line road  
to the Conestoga road at Bryn  
Mawr.

"At this point it will connect  
with existing pipes, through which  
the added volume of water will be  
conveyed to the rapidly and steadily  
growing communities of Delaware  
County, and the fast developing  
centers along the Main Line.

"While this new pipe line from  
Pickering Creek to Bryn Mawr is  
an express main and has been so  
termed to distinguish it from pipe  
lines having local service as a chief  
function, it will make a connection,  
part way on its route to Bryn Mawr,  
with a main leading to Consho-  
hocken and thence to Melrose  
Park, Abington, Willow Grove and  
other localities in the neighbor-  
hood.

"This is the program of general  
development for 1926. The sched-  
ule of work which has been laid out  
calls for completion and placing in  
service of the new improvements  
during the next year.

"For the past six months the best  
water supply engineers in the coun-  
try have studied the problem of  
water supply for suburban Phila-

delphia. They have developed, and  
the company has adopted, a definite  
scheme for expansion and construc-  
tion during the next ten years with  
a still longer look into the future.  
This scheme has taken tangible  
shape in the Pickering Creek devel-  
opment now under way.

"With the development of the  
streams to yield a larger volume of  
water, plans have been formulated  
for safeguarding the streams so  
that they will not become contami-  
nated."

## OLD COLONIAL DANCES AS DIFFICULT AS CHARLESTON

Philadelphia "Assembly" of 1748  
Survives Terpsichorean Changes.

If old Philadelphia ballrooms  
could reveal the patterns which gen-  
erations of dancers have tapped  
upon their floors, what a story there  
would be in the behavior of human  
feet since sheiks of Colonial days  
tripped a measure with their ladies!

Visitors to the Sesquicentennial  
International Exposition, beginning  
on June 1, 1926, may still write in  
the throes of the Charleston, but  
this is hardly more intricate for one  
couple to perform than the square  
dance was for a group in the days  
when chaperons knew their home-  
spun.

Early Philadelphia dancing took  
the form of "assemblies," which  
date from 1748. This social tradi-  
tion is in vogue to the present day.  
The social lights of that day made  
up the list of "subscribers" to the  
assemblies just as modern functions  
are financed by patrons and patron-  
esses.

The rules for the first assembly  
were issued with great care. Num-  
ber one had it that the dance must  
"begin precisely at six in the Even-  
ing, and not by any Means to ex-  
ceed twelve the same Night." Many  
latter-day debs make it a point "not  
by any Means to appear at the ball  
before twelve."

### Had a Manager

A manager, usually the most dis-  
tinguished officer of the Army, pre-  
sided at an assembly, presenting to  
the gentlemen and ladies folded  
billets containing numbers. Thus a  
kind of Fate operated to select part-  
ners for early American belles. All  
the dances were previously ar-  
ranged, many of them bearing  
names with political significance.  
"The Success of the Campaign,"  
"The Defeat of Burgoyne," "Clin-  
ton's Retreat."

"Dancing is an emblem of gayety  
and love," remarked a Frenchman  
of the times, "but here it seems  
rather an emblem of legislation and  
marriage." It was one of legisla-  
tion in that figures of the dance  
were stipulated, they bore names,  
and every proceeding was provided  
for, calculated and submitted to  
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that cause this sensation: it is the thought of the  
long list of friends we can claim on this, our first  
Christmas.

It is to every one in Narberth, and to our many  
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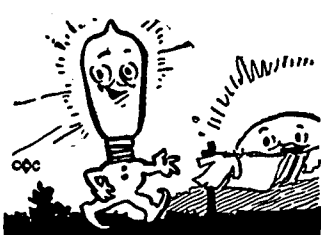
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Sealed proposals will be received and  
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Conway avenue, Narberth, Pa.  
Plans and specifications may be secured  
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## NEWS OF THE CHURCHES

### Holy Trinity Lutheran Church.

M. B. McLinn, Pastor.  
Regular services, Sunday, January 3,  
1926:  
Sunday school, 9.45 A. M.  
Holy Communion, 11 A. M.  
Luther Leagues, 7 P. M.  
Evening service, 7.45 P. M. Sermon,  
"Onward."

Let the people continue the interest,  
attendance and enthusiasm in the  
church services that were manifest in  
the fine, large and happy meeting of  
Monday evening celebrating the golden  
anniversary of the marriage of the  
pastor and his wife.

### Baptist Church of the Evangel.

Robert E. Keighton, Minister.  
Services for January 3:  
9.45 A. M.—Church School. We  
have classes for everyone, but

strangely enough, not everyone for the  
classes!

11 A. M.—Morning worship and  
Communion. Sermon, "Are You a  
Palimpsest?"

7 P. M.—Young people's service.  
7.45 P. M.—Evening worship. Ser-  
mon, "Musing on 1926."

This is our regular musical service.  
By special request our own quartet will  
present the cantata, "Bethlehem," by  
Mauder. We can never hear too  
much Christmas music; it is the finest  
of the whole church year. We are  
justly proud of our quartet and delight  
in this opportunity of hearing them in  
a special musicale.

Wednesday, January 6, 8 P. M.—  
Prayer service. Topic, "A Good  
Motto for 1926."

Last Sunday evening we had a full  
church to witness the dramatization of  
"Why the Chimes Rang." It was an  
inspiring sermon and made a lasting  
impression upon those who saw it.  
Much commendation is due to every-  
one who contributed to the success of  
this form of church worship. Regular-  
ly during the year we are planning  
and the indications are that subsequent  
ones will have to be produced more  
than once to meet the demands of the  
audiences.

### The Presbyterian Church.

Rev. John Van Ness, Minister.  
Meetings for January 3:  
9.30 A. M.—Bible School. All de-  
partments.

11 A. M.—Public worship. Sermon  
text, "In the Beginning—God."  
11 A. M.—Junior church for children  
from 6 to 12 years of age.

7 P. M.—In the social room the In-  
termediate Endeavor Society will pre-  
sent a Christmas services entitled  
"Watching with the Shepherds." The  
Senior Society will attend in a body  
and the public is also cordially invited.  
7.45 P. M.—Evening worship. Ser-  
mon theme, "New Year Resolutions."

Next Wednesday, at 2.30 P. M., the  
monthly meeting of the Women's Mis-  
sionary Society will be held in the  
church parlor. The subject will be  
China, and an interesting account of  
that country will be given by the re-  
ctor of All Saints' Church, Rev. Francis  
Gray, who has spent several years in  
China. There will be special music  
and a social hour. All women invited.  
Next Wednesday, at 8 P. M., con-  
gregational prayer meeting. Subject,  
"Stepping Out Into the New Year."  
First chance to attend prayer meeting  
this year.

### Methodist Episcopal Church.

Rev. W. Sheridan Dawson, Minister.  
Sunday, January 3:  
9.45 A. M.—Bible School, Hon. F.

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W. Stites, superintendent.  
11 A. M.—Morning worship. The  
sacrament of the Lord's Supper will  
be administered and all members of  
the church are urged to begin the New  
Year aright, by honoring their Lord  
in the Holy Communion.

Epworth League devotional meeting  
at 6.45 P. M.

7.45 P. M.—Evening worship.  
Theme, "The Call of Christ."

Monday, January 4, monthly meet-  
ing of the Women's Foreign Mission-  
ary Society at 2.30 P. M.

Tuesday, quarterly meeting of the  
Women's Foreign Missionary Society  
in St. Stephen's Methodist Episcopal  
Church, Germantown, Philadelphia.  
Birthdays banquet at 6 P. M., Mrs. P.  
A. Crony presiding. Evening pro-  
gram at 7.45 o'clock. Addresses by  
Miss Carnahan, Dr. Esther Shoemaker  
and Miss Gertrude Hawks. The meet-  
ing will continue on Wednesday with  
a special program at 10 A. M. and 2  
P. M.

Prayer and praise service on  
Wednesday at 8 P. M.

Choir rehearsal on Thursday eve-  
ning.

All Saints' Church, Wynnewood, Pa.

Rector, Rev. Gibson Bell.  
Assistant Minister, Rev. Francis A.  
Gray.

8 A. M.—Holy Communion.  
10 A. M.—Church School.  
(Bus leaves Narberth Station 9.40.)

11 A. M.—Holy Communion and  
sermon by the Rector. Anthem,  
"Glory Be to God," T. T. Noble. Choir  
of 40 voices.

### First Church of Christ, Scientist.

Women's Club Building, Ardmore  
Avenue, Ardmore, Pa.

Sunday services, 11 A. M.

Wednesday evening, testimonial  
meeting, 8 o'clock.

Reading room, 19 West Lancaster  
avenue, open each week-day, 12 to  
4.30 P. M.

The subject of the Bible lesson ser-  
mon for January 3 is: "God."

## LOWER MERION HIGH GIRLS MUST FORM NEW SEXTETTE

First Game January 14—Miss Starke  
New Coach.

With only two girls to rely on  
from last year's varsity team,  
Lower Merion High School is  
nevertheless looking forward to a  
bright season on the court. Forty-  
one candidates made their appear-  
ance on the first day of practice  
last week. Miss Isabel Starke,  
who is making her debut as athlet-  
ic instructor at the Ardmore  
school, has a new system for her  
aspiring athletes. She did not drill  
the girls in the fundamentals of  
the court game the first day, but  
put them through a stiff drill of  
calisthenics.

The girls who are out for the  
team are so evenly matched that  
Miss Starke expects to have a very  
difficult time in cutting the large  
squad to 22 players. Emily Max-  
well is manager for the coming  
season and is arranging a difficult  
schedule for her teammates.

Last season was one of the most  
successful Lower Merion has en-  
joyed in several years. Out of a  
schedule of 10 games played, the  
girls won seven, lost two and tied  
one. Out of the team who made  
this splendid record, Captain Edna  
Clarke and Anna Sell are the only  
two left. These girls are both ex-  
pert players, however, and will  
form the nucleus of this season's  
combination.

### Stars at Centre.

Captain Clarke is a centre of no  
mean ability, and as Miss Sell is  
her teammate at the centre of the  
court the girls have perfected a  
passing system at the pivot post  
which is hard to beat.

Several other girls are back  
again this winter who were on  
last year's squad, but did not make  
the regular team, but they have  
had several years' experience and  
will fit in well with the present  
combination.

The schedule for Lower Merion  
is as follows:

January 14—Collingdale, home.  
January 21—Radnor, home.  
January 27—Jenkintown, away.  
January 28—Upper Darby, home.  
February 4—Radnor, away.  
February 11—Haverford, away.  
February 11—Swarthmore, home.  
February 18—Jenkintown, home.  
February 25—Upper Darby, away.  
March 4—Cheltenham, home.  
March 11—Lansdowne, away.

### NARBERTH SCHOOL NEWS

Friday morning before the holi-  
days the boys' gymnasium club,  
under the capable supervision of  
Mr. Karl Oerlein, had the assem-  
bly program.

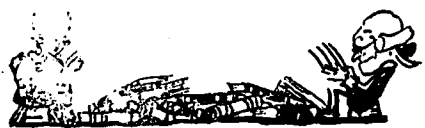
They first showed us a number  
of exercises which they had learn-  
ed so far.

They concluded with a thrilling  
exhibition of exercises on the  
parallel bars, demonstrating their  
ability for circus acrobatics.

Barnum and Bailey might do  
well to look at the work of these  
boys.

Elizabeth Terry, our excellent  
announcer, then took the platform  
and told us something of the  
Camp Fire Girls' Bazaar, which  
was given December 12. She in-  
formed us that the girls cleared  
\$163, which delighted us, for we  
are quite interested in this asso-  
ciation.





## DECEMBER BOOK LIST

The Narberth Community Library has added these books during the month of December:

"Art Guide to Philadelphia," Edward Longstreth. Where and how to find art treasures housed in Philadelphia.

"Lava Lane," Natalia Crane. Previously reviewed.

"Wives," Gamaliel Bradford. Seven studies of wives of famous and infamous Americans.

"A Bush That Burned," Marjorie Barkley McClure. A Puritanical girl's clash with the easy-going younger set.

"Bread and Circuses," W. E. Woodward. As entertaining as "Bunk."

"Broomsticks and Other Tales," Walter de la Mare. Short stories for children.

"The Elder Sister," Frank Swinerton. Two sisters in love with the same man.

"The High Forfeit," Basil King. A millionaire daughter marries a humble young bank clerk.

"Mill of Many Windows," J. S. Fletcher. Struggle between a young man's passion and ideals, and an inheritance of wealth.

"Misty Flats," Helen Woodbury. A first novel. Of a selfish mother and her talented and lively daughter.

"No More Parades," Ford Maddox Ford. The critics concede it to be a brilliant novel.

"Rocking Moon," Barrett Woughby. A gripping tale of Alaska.

"Romeo in Moon Village," G. B. McCutcheon. The curious adventures of an errant bridegroom.

"Skookum Chuck," Stewart Edward White. Gave \$10,000 for an adventure which proved to be more than he bargained for.

"Thunder on the Left," Christopher Morley. A fantasy.

"Treading the Wine Press," Ralph Conner. A brave man's spiritual and mental gropings to understand the essentials of life.

"Vanishing Americans," Zane Grey. A romance of an American Indian.

"Wind Bloweth," Donn Byrne. Of clipper ships and a lad who sailed one.

"Women," Booth Tarkington. About a group of grown up feminine Penrods.

## REVIEW OF NARBERTH EVENTS IN 1925

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tion. Berwyn nosed out Narberth for the first half baseball championship. The State clay tourney was held at the Narberth Tennis Club courts. The cornerstone for the new Catholic school building was laid. Petitions were started for the fall elections.

AUGUST—Tax bills went out. Petitions closed for the fall primaries, with Henry Frye unopposed for Burgess and contests for Tax Collector, Council and School Board. George E. Mapes, political writer, died in Narberth.

SEPTEMBER—Narberth won the Main Line League baseball pennant from Berwyn. The primary elections assured Mrs. Abbie W. Nickerson the job of Tax Collector, nominated R. F. Wood, Daniel Leitch, J. R. Hall and Clarence Kaerber for Council and Mrs. F. T. Van Auken and Walter Steckbeck for School Board on the Republican ticket. All were elected in November. Henry Rose, of Woodside avenue, died suddenly. Construction was started on the new community building on the Playground.

OCTOBER—The American Legion conducted a successful endowment drive, exceeding Narberth's quota. The street paving program rapidly neared completion. The Women's Community Club began its season with the annual luncheon. The marriages of Miss Grace Myers to James F. Sherron and of Miss Carol L. Cummings to Philip A. Livingston took place. The new ladder truck of the Narberth fire company arrived. Frank H. Hewitt died suddenly.

NOVEMBER—The Republicans won all offices in the general election. A. E. Wohler was defeated by Clarence Kaerber for Council. Henry A. Frye for Burgess and the remainder of the primary ticket was elected. A successful banquet was held by the American Legion. William J. Henderson resigned from Council and his place was taken by Wil-

liam H. Fretz. The following marriages took place: Miss Doris VonCulin to George Doehne, 3d; Miss Elizabeth Speakman to C. H. McCarter, Jr.; Miss Eleanor Eyre to George Babb.

DECEMBER—The enlarged Presbyterian Church was opened. Col. Isadore A. Miller was elected president of the Narberth School Board, from which Robert J. Dothard resigned. One of the most successful concerts ever held in Narberth was that given for the fire company in Elm Hall. The highway program for the year was finished. The deaths of Miss Ella Dothard and Mrs. Mary A. Clarke occurred. Council submitted its budget, which promises a 9-mill tax increase. A successful Christmas Carol service was held. Many attended the golden wedding anniversary of the Rev. and Mrs. Milton E. McLinn. New Year's eve was fitly celebrated in Narberth homes.

## MILL CREEK ROAD MAY RIVAL CITY LINE TRAFFIC

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being in many respects a miniature reproduction of the Wissahickon ravine, on the opposite side of the Schuylkill.

## Few Factories Remain.

Of the numerous manufacturing establishments that once lined its banks and suggested the name for the stream, only a few are now active. According to a record of 1858, there were 16 industries on Mill Creek at that time.

Well up toward the headwaters of the creek, near Gulph road, was the flour mill of John Roberts, the rich Quaker, who was one of the two Pennsylvanians hanged in 1778 because of their active sympathy with the British cause. The local tradition persists in telling that Roberts' crime consisted in grinding glass in flour that was supplied to Washington's army at Valley Forge. But the official records set forth that the chief offense charged against him was that of guiding a party of British troops in their pursuit of the Americans.

## Made Paper for Money.

Here on Mill Creek, near Gulph road, members of the Sheetz family established a paper mill early in the eighteenth century. Sometimes the claim has been offered that this mill was built before William Rittenhouse started his paper mill, on the Wissahickon, and that therefore the Sheetz mill is entitled to the distinction of having been the first paper mill in America. But history is inclined to give the honors to the Rittenhouse mill. At any rate paper for Continental currency was made at the Mill Creek mill. Frederick Bickings then operated the mill.

At another mill in this locality brass and copper utensils were made in days long gone by. It was called the kettle mill, because its principal output consisted of the brass kettles needed on every farm.

A powder mill was another industry. There is a tradition that powder for the American soldiers in the Revolution was made here.

Down near the mouth of the creek was a large cotton mill. This locality used to be known as Rose Glen, and there was a picnic ground here. In more recent times the station here on the Reading Railroad has borne the name of Gladwyne, though the village of Gladwyne is two miles away.

## Stones Attracted Geologist.

The Mill Creek region is a source of delight to the naturalist. The Black Rocks, a weird group of stones near Gulph road, used to attract the geologist. But they were destroyed by being converted into building stone. It used to be said that the stones marked an Indian burial ground, and that this was the last camp ground of the Indians in that region.

Botanists find much to interest them along Mill Creek. Miss Margaret B. Harvey listed 32 species of ferns which she found here. This is almost as many species as grow along the entire Atlantic seaboard.

The locality, too, abounds in memories of noted men and women who have dwelt therabouts or who have frequented the locality.

This was the favorite walk of Robert J. Burdette, famous humorist and lecturer, when he lived at Bryn Mawr in the nineties. It was at Gladwyne that he first became active in religious work, conducting a little Sunday school in the village.

## Wilson Roamed There.

The Mill Creek region also attracted the professors and students of Bryn Mawr in the days when bicycling and walking had not yet become obsolete. From 1885 to

1888 there was a professor at Bryn Mawr who often sought the wilds of Mill Creek. If in his wanderings through those peaceful glades he ever had dreams of the world turmoil in which he was destined to be an outstanding figure, or if there came to him any foreboding of the high honors and the pathetic tragedy that should crown his life, no suggestion thereof ever came from the lips of Woodrow Wilson in those days of his residence in Montgomery county.

Organizations interested in civic development have long urged that steps be taken to assure the preservation of the natural beauties of the Mill Creek region. Now the proposed boulevard may open a way for establishing a park along Mill Creek to border a wide and well built highway that would not merely connect the Lower Merion region with Chestnut Hill but would offer an avenue for through motorcar traffic to avoid the congestion of Philadelphia's streets.

## IN PENN CONCERT

Among the students who sang in the annual winter concert of the Women's Glee Club of the University of Pennsylvania at the New Century Drawing Room on December 12 were the Misses Virginia Lloyd and Clara Follette, of Narberth.

The Women's Glee Club is composed of 50 trained singers and is under the directorship of Miss Anna McDonough, of the Philadelphia Art Alliance and a prominent choral leader.

Miss Lloyd is a sophomore in the school of education and is a member of Kappa Delta Women's Fraternity. Miss Follette is a senior in the school of education.

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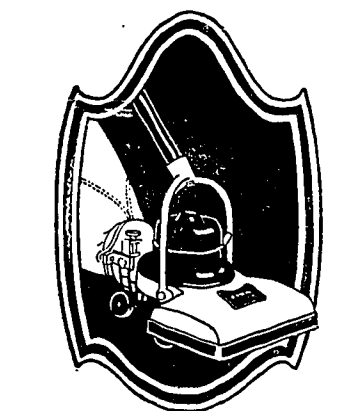
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